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I would like to go on record as stating that I believe Microsoft should be severely punished for its anti-competitive activities. A break up of the company into separate groups seemed most appropriate. The remedy worked out between MS & DOJ is totally inadequate, and in fact rewards MS by allowing them to write off hardware & software "donated" to schools as a remedy. Most elementary schools use Apples or Macintosh products. Rather than eliminating monopolistic behavior, it will literally put Apple out of business in favor of "free" PCs & Microsoft software.

Further, schools that receive this "gift" will end up paying exorbitant amounts on subscription and maintenance fees after the "remedy" period is over.

This is a travesty. The company has not changed. It's licensing costs are sky-rocketing, and customers have lost any ability to retrieve any damages due to defective software released by MS.

I have used their products for almost 20 years now. In my opinion, they are out of control, and only the strongest of remedies, i.e. breakup of the firm, will stop their deceitful, predatory business practices.